

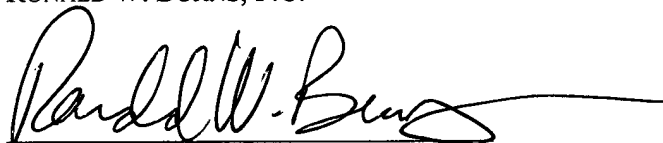
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 - 20 are currently pending in this application. In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has:

- 1) Submitted a substitute specification, containing no new mater, for acceptance and approval by the Examiner;
- 2) Amended the specification, only for the purpose of including a priority claim and reference to US Application No. 10/156,596, filed on May 28, 2002;
- 3) Canceled original Claims 1 – 20; and
- 4) Added new Claims 21 – 40.

Applicant respectfully submits that new Claims 21 – 40 are supported by the specification as originally filed. Applicant therefore respectfully requests consideration and allowance of these new Claims. Applicant believes that the application is in allowable form, and that no additional fees are due at this time. The Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned for any reason that would advance the current application to issue. Please reference Attorney Docket No. 12002-1003.

Respectfully submitted,
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